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Mr. Frazer Lockhart U.S Department of Energy Rocky Flats Office P.O. Box 928 Golden, Colorado 80402-0928

Dear Mr. Lockhart,

This letter transmits EPA's comments on the Proposed Interim Measure/Interim Remedial Action (IM/IRA) for Operable Unit 4, the Solar Ponds.

Attached are EPA's Region VIII and PRC's (EPA's contractor) comments which must be taken into consideration in preparing the Final Decision Document, along with other comments submitted by CDH, the public and other interested parties. In addition, DOE must submit to the regulatory agencies and make available to the public, a complete Responsiveness Summary with specific answers to all the comments received from interested parties. DOE shall not commence any remedial/corrective activities associated with this IM/IRA until EPA and CDH have approved the Final Decision Document and the Responsiveness Summary. DOE shall make the EPA and CDH approved Final IM/IRA Decision Document and Responsiveness Summary available to all interested parties 10 days prior to commencing any field remedial/corrective activities associated with this IM/IRA.

Please, do not hesitate to contact Arturo Duran of my staff at (303) 294-1080 with any question you may have.

Sincerely,

Martin Hestmark, Manager

Rocky Flats Project

Attachment.

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